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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Geoff BARRETT  
Serial No: 09/159,748  
Confirmation No.: 5513  
Filed: September 23, 1998  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RESTRUCTURING A BINARY  
DECISION DIAGRAM

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- ☒ Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment
- ☒ Copy of Transmittal/Notice of Appeal/Petition for Three Month Extension of Time
- ☒ Copy of the Notice of Abandonment
- ☒ Copy of the Return Receipt Postcard (date-stamped)
- ☒ Copy of RCE Transmittal
- ☒ Copy of Petition for Five Month Extension of Time
- ☒ Return Postcard

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**PETITION TO WITHDRAW THE HOLDING OF  
ABANDONMENT BASED ON APPLICANT'S TIMELY FILED REPLY**

Applicant respectfully requests that the Holding of Abandonment for the above-identified application be withdrawn. This Request for Withdrawal of Notice of Abandonment is responsive to the Notice of Abandonment mailed from the Patent Office on February 25, 2004 in the above-identified application. The Notice indicates that the application is abandoned in view of Applicant's failure to respond to the Office Action dated February 3, 2003.

The Notice of Abandonment is clearly improper, and withdrawal is respectfully requested. On August 4, 2003, Applicant mailed to the Patent and Trademark Office an Notice of Appeal, a Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time, a Transmittal Letter, and a check in the amount of \$1,250.00 (to cover the notice of appeal fee and the extension of time). These papers were filed using the Certificate of Mailing procedure under 37 CFR §1.8(a). Each paper bears a Certificate of Mailing dated August 4, 2003. Copies of the documents filed are enclosed.

The documents mailed August 4, 2003 were accompanied by a return postcard. The postcard was date-stamped by the Mail Room in the Patent and Trademark Office on August 6, 2003, thereby confirming receipt of the above documents by the Patent and Trademark Office on that date. A copy of the date-stamped return postcard is also enclosed. The Notice of Appeal and Petition for Extension of Time constituted a complete response to the Office Action.

The Notice of Abandonment is clearly the result of error on the part of the Office. Accordingly, prompt withdrawal of the Notice of Abandonment and continuation of prosecution are respectfully requested.

Also entry of the RCE filed on March 3, 2004 is hereby requested. Since the Office prematurely abandoned the above-identified application, the filing of the RCE was proper. A copy of the RCE as filed on March 3, 2004 is enclosed.

#### Applicable Rules and Procedures

MPEP § 711.03(c) sets forth the requirements for a Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment based on the failure to reply within period. MPEP § 711.03(c) states in part that:

"Where an applicant contends that the application is not in fact abandoned (e.g., there is a disagreement as to the sufficiency of the reply, or as to controlling dates), a petition under 37 CFR 1.181(a) requesting withdrawal of the holding of abandonment is the appropriate course of action, and such petition does not require a fee. "

#### The Holding of Abandonment Should be Withdrawn

Applicant has complied with the requirements for making a successful petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment. In particular, Applicant has provided (1) a copy of the Notice of Appeal and petition for extension of time filed on August 4, 2003 and, (2) a copy of the date-stamped return receipt postcard indicating the amendment was received in the Patent Office on August 6, 2003.

Therefore, in accordance with MPEP § 711.03(c), Applicant has provided a showing required to establish the Notice of Appeal filed on August 4, 2003 was timely filed and was received by the Patent Office. Thus, the Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment should be granted.

If it is determined, after reviewing the petition, that this petition should not be granted for some reason, the Petitions Office is respectfully requested to call Applicants' representatives at the number listed below. It is assumed, based upon the above facts, that a Petition for Withdrawal of Notice of Abandonment and the associated fee are not required, since the application was never abandoned.

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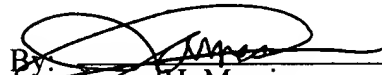
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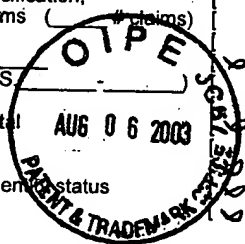
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Serial No. 09/159,748 File No. 50122,80126 By: JHM  
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Application of Geoff Barrett WGS Date: 8/3/03  
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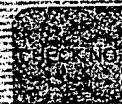
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**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
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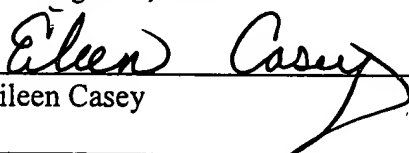
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**Notice of Abandonment**

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

This application is abandoned in view of:

1. ☒ Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on 03 February 2003.
  - (a) ☐ A reply was received on \_\_\_\_\_ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated \_\_\_\_\_), which is after the expiration of the period for reply (including a total extension of time of \_\_\_\_\_ month(s)) which expired on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ A proposed reply was received on \_\_\_\_\_, but it does not constitute a proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 (a) to the final rejection.  
(A proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to a final rejection consists only of: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114).
  - (c) ☐ A reply was received on \_\_\_\_\_ but it does not constitute a proper reply, or a bona fide attempt at a proper reply, to the non-final rejection. See 37 CFR 1.85(a) and 1.111. (See explanation in box 7 below).
  - (d) ☒ No reply has been received.
2. ☐ Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
  - (a) ☐ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, was received on \_\_\_\_\_ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated \_\_\_\_\_), which is after the expiration of the statutory period for payment of the issue fee (and publication fee) set in the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
  - (b) ☐ The submitted fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is insufficient. A balance of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is due.  
The issue fee required by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$\_\_\_\_\_. The publication fee, if required by 37 CFR 1.18(d), is \$\_\_\_\_\_.
  - (c) ☐ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, has not been received.
3. ☐ Applicant's failure to timely file corrected drawings as required by, and within the three-month period set in, the Notice of Allowability (PTO-37).
  - (a) ☐ Proposed corrected drawings were received on \_\_\_\_\_ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated \_\_\_\_\_), which is after the expiration of the period for reply.
  - (b) ☐ No corrected drawings have been received.
4. ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by the attorney or agent of record, the assignee of the entire interest, or all of the applicants.
5. ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by an attorney or agent (acting in a representative capacity under 37 CFR 1.34(a)) upon the filing of a continuing application.
6. ☐ The decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interference rendered on \_\_\_\_\_ and because the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims.
7. ☐ The reason(s) below:

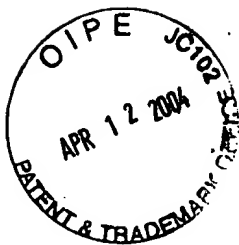
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Petitions to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b), or requests to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181, should be promptly filed to minimize any negative effects on patent term.



Serial No. 09/159,748 File No. SI022.8012WUS00 By: JHM  
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Application of Geoff Bartlett WGS Date: 3/4/04

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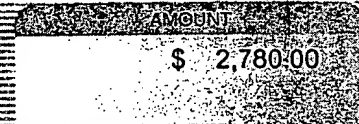
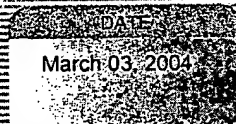
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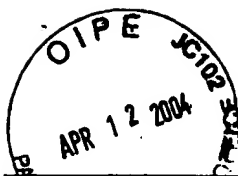


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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED  
EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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Filing Date	September 23, 1998
First Named Inventor	Geoff BARRETT
Group Art Unit	2123
Examiner Name	William D. Thomson

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, you may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) instead of an RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114****a. Previously submitted**

- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on **May 5, 2003**  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on .
- iii. ☐ Other:

**b. Enclosed is/are:**

- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other: Petition For A Five Month Extension of Time

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**2. Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months) and the Fee of **\$130.00** under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- b. ☐ Other:

**3. Fees - The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.**

- a. ☒ Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$2,780.00 which covers:
  - i. ☒ \$770.00 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
  - ii. ☒ \$2,010.00 Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
  - iii. ☐ Other

- 4. If the filing of this RCE necessitates an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136(a), the applicant hereby requests such extension of time.
- 5. If there is no check enclosed, or if the amount of the enclosed check in this RCE is incorrect, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

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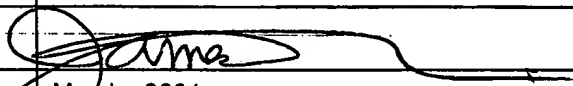
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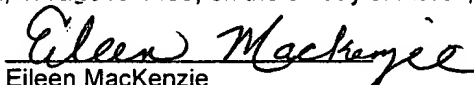


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PETITION FOR A FIVE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

A five month extension of time, to and including March 4, 2004, is requested for response to the Notice of Appeal filed August 4, 2003.

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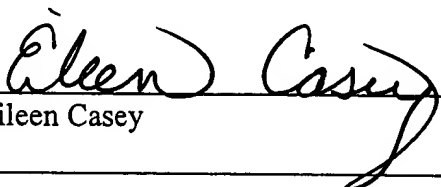
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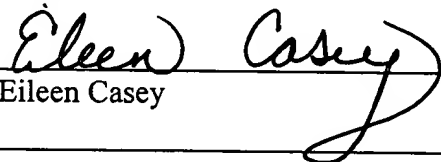
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